



# Doncaster Council

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12<sup>th</sup> September, 2019

**To the Chair and Members of the  
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

## **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PLAN SEPTEMBER 2019**

<b>Relevant Cabinet Member(s)</b>	<b>Wards Affected</b>	<b>Key Decision</b>
The Mayor	All	None

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1. The Committee is asked to consider and review the Overview and Scrutiny work programme for 2019/20.

### **EXEMPT REPORT**

2. This report is not exempt.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

3. The Committee is asked to:
  - a) Consider the updated Overview and Scrutiny Work Plan for 2019/20, including the resources and capacity required to deliver the programme of work.
  - b) Provide Overview and Scrutiny Chairs and Members an opportunity to update the Committee on the impact of activities on their work programmes.
  - c) Consider the Council's Forward Plan of key decisions attached at Appendix B; and
  - d) Note the correspondence in Appendices C to G.

### **WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE CITIZENS OF DONCASTER?**

4. Regular review of the Overview and Scrutiny work plan enables the Committee to ensure it remains relevant and is responding to important

issues for citizens and the borough. The work plan update helps support openness, transparency and accountability as it summarises outcomes from overview and scrutiny activities. Citizens are able to contribute to the work of overview and scrutiny by attending meetings or contributing to reviews.

## **BACKGROUND**

5. Overview and Scrutiny has a number of key roles, which focus on improving the delivery of local services, these include:
  - Holding decision makers to account
  - Policy development and review;
  - Supporting the Council's performance monitoring arrangements and;
  - Considering issues of wider public concern.
6. Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee (OSMC) agrees and monitors the overarching Overview and Scrutiny work programme. However, the Health and Adult Social Care Panel has statutory responsibilities relating to Health Scrutiny and therefore has more autonomy over the inclusion of health related issues on its work programme.

## **Monitoring the Work Programme**

7. An updated version of the work plan is regularly presented to OSMC for consideration as this document can change regularly to incorporate urgent or priority issues as they arise. A key role for OSMC is to consider how its activities are having an impact and adding value to the delivery of local services. Members should therefore focus on maintain a deliverable work plan that is outcome rather than activity driven and focuses on the quality of those outcomes rather than the quantity. Consideration should also be given to the resources and capacity available to undertake these activities and deliver the outcomes.
8. The Committee is asked to consider the unresolved issues in Appendix A and agree when items should be programmed or removed from the list. It should be noted that the work plan highlights those items that have been considered and those that are planned at the time this agenda is published.

## **Council's Forward Plan of Key Decisions**

9. Attached at Appendix B is the Council's Forward Plan of key decisions for consideration by the Committee.

## **Correspondence following the meeting held on 7th May, 2019**

10. Attached for the Committee's attention in Appendices C to G is correspondence relating to Overview and Scrutiny's consideration of the Local Plan, Youth Justice Plan and the Flood review.

## **Links with Team Doncaster**

11. The Committee and Panels are asked to continue maintaining an overview and understanding of partnership activities. As the delivery of Borough priorities relies on a partnership approach, the Panels are requested to make

the necessary arrangements to secure links with relevant partnership bodies. This could include regular updates from the partnership body or Council representative. Information on Team Doncaster is also accessible through Twitter and the Team Doncaster website <http://www.teamdoncaster.org.uk>. It is suggested that a flexible approach to working with the partnership will enable the identification of future work plan issues and help ensure Members gain a greater awareness of partnership activity.

## OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REASONS

12. There are no specific options to consider within this report as it provides an opportunity for the Committee to agree its work plan for 2019/20.

## IMPACT ON THE COUNCIL'S KEY OUTCOMES

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	<b>Outcomes</b>	<b>Implications</b>
	<p><b>Doncaster Working:</b> Our vision is for more people to be able to pursue their ambitions through work that gives them and Doncaster a brighter and prosperous future;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Better access to good fulfilling work</li> <li>• Doncaster businesses are supported to flourish</li> <li>• Inward Investment</li> </ul>	<p>The Overview and Scrutiny function has the potential to impact upon all of the Council's key objectives by holding decision makers to account, reviewing performance and policy development through robust recommendations, monitoring performance of the Council and external partners, services and reviewing issues outside the remit of the Council that have an impact on the residents of the Borough.</p>
	<p><b>Doncaster Living:</b> Our vision is for Doncaster's people to live in a borough that is vibrant and full of opportunity, where people enjoy spending time;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The town centres are the beating heart of Doncaster</li> <li>• More people can live in a good quality, affordable home</li> <li>• Healthy and Vibrant Communities through Physical Activity and Sport</li> <li>• Everyone takes responsibility for keeping Doncaster Clean</li> <li>• Building on our cultural, artistic and sporting heritage</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Doncaster Learning:</b> Our vision is for learning that prepares all children, young people and adults for a life that is fulfilling;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Every child has life-changing learning experiences within and beyond school</li> <li>• Many more great teachers work in Doncaster Schools that are good or</li> </ul>	

	<p>better</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learning in Doncaster prepares young people for the world of work</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Doncaster Caring:</b> Our vision is for a borough that cares together for its most vulnerable residents;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children have the best start in life</li> <li>• Vulnerable families and individuals have support from someone they trust</li> <li>• Older people can live well and independently in their own homes.</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Connected Council:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A modern, efficient and flexible workforce</li> <li>• Modern, accessible customer interactions</li> <li>• Operating within our resources and delivering value for money</li> <li>• A co-ordinated, whole person, whole life focus on the needs and aspirations of residents</li> <li>• Building community resilience and self-reliance by connecting community assets and strengths</li> <li>• Working with our partners and residents to provide effective leadership and governance</li> </ul>	

## **RISKS AND ASSUMPTIONS**

14. To maximise the effectiveness of the Overview and Scrutiny function it is important that the work plan is manageable and that it accurately reflects the broad range of issues within its remit. Failure to achieve this can reduce the overall impact of the function. National research has identified that over ambitious work plans that include too many items are a common cause of frustration for Scrutiny Members as they fail to achieve any outcomes. The work plan will continue to be reviewed at each ordinary meeting and officers will advise on the capacity available to undertake any additional work. This provides an opportunity to ensure work plans can be regularly monitored and reviewed.

## **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS (Officer: SRF Date: 14/8/19)**

15. The Council's Constitution states that subject to matters being referred to it by the Full Council, or the Executive and any timetables laid down by those bodies, Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee (and its Panels) will determine its own Work Programme (Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule Page 84 6a). Specific legal implications and advice will be provided as required on matters brought to the Committee and Panels.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (PH Date: 20.08.19)**

16. There are no specific financial implications attached to this report.

## **HUMAN RESOURCES (RH Date 22.08 2019)**

17. There are no specific HR implications related to the contents of this report. There may be HR implications relating to specific elements on the work plan but these will be highlighted in the relevant reports at the appropriate time.

## **TECHNOLOGY IMPLICATIONS (PW 15/08/19)**

18. There are no specific technology implications in relation to this report

## **HEALTH IMPLICATIONS (RS 14.08.2019)**

19. The Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee can perform a key role in the council's adoption of a health in all policies approach. All areas of the Overview and Scrutiny work plan can impact on health and it is important that the health implications of each item are considered separately given that 20% of what contributes to health is from clinical care, 30% from healthy behaviours, 40% from socio-economic factors and 10% from the built environment.

## **EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS (CR 2.8.19)**

20. This report provides an overview on the work programme and there are no significant equality implications associated with the report. Within its programme of work Overview and Scrutiny gives due consideration to the extent to which the Council has complied with its Public Equality Duty and given due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, promote equality of opportunity and foster good relations between different communities.

## **CONSULTATION**

21. During June 2019, OSMC and the standing Panels held work planning sessions to identify issues for consideration during 2019/20.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

22. Agenda, guidance and draft work plan produced following Overview and Scrutiny work planning events held during June 2019.

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